

Decorative Art Work.

The exhibition by the Members of the Kilohana Art League has given decorative art an impetus such as has not been felt for years. The China painting fad has reached us and some handsome specimens were shown in the art rooms. The material for doing the work came from us and we now have in stock an elegant assortment of Lacroix Tube Colors and Brushes, Burnishers Stipplers used in this class of work. Our stock is complete with the finest assortment of colors, brushes, canvas and frames for art work.

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"I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness." Some one told Pat that if he bought a certain kind of stove it would save half the coal: "Och faith! I'll buy two and save the whole."

This Government and the Board of Health remind us of Pat; they are continually shooting the arrow over the house in their honest endeavors to rid themselves of cholera. In the first place even with cholera at the elbow too much haste will induce back travel and double work. Go slow and go sure. Make rules and laws that will stand water, will wash, can be enforced. A little uncommon sense. "In a multitude of counsellors (women more especially) there is—it reminds us also very forcibly of inexperienced teachers (?) (apprentices), who rush into a school-room: "Take a check, John Smith. Sit down there, Mary! Stand up, Peter Jones. Lose your recess, Polly Dole. Stop after school, you three boys, yes, over there. Now, all fold your arms. Mind what I say, Nellie Brown. Don't you hear me, that girl. Stop reading! Who's whispering in the back seat? All, get up; all, sit down; all, file out in order—disorder. Come back here, Sam Wright. I'll make some rules for tomorrow I guess they'll mind—can't stand this!" Now, really, it is the way we're keeping cholera school. We shall need to have cholera a few times, and gain a little experience. Be calm, be collected, you who are not yet attacked, and use forethought and wisdom. Don't be slambanging with your medicines, etc. We are not quite through yet, and it's well to use thrift. We may run short of something. We've got no cold north winds, nor east winds, nor hail nor frost in our calendar or almanac to count upon, you know—but we have got the dear old Pacific, lapping every inch of our circumference! *Laus Deo!*

It is of no use at all to have just now any "party pride." We don't care who puts the ladder to the window, what his religion, when our house is in flames and the staircase on fire. Who can give us any help? For vain is the help of man. In God is our trust and in Him is our only sure refuge.

For pity's sake give us some music—walking music or hay-cart music, bag pipe or hand organ or anything, better than glum gloom. Give the masses some good inspiring praise music. The dulness of this town today—for we walked over it, five miles in the pouring rain, and the sombre look of the place is enough to produce any disease. The aspect is the most depressing of anything we ever knew. What are your bands for in times like these? Produce your best airs, songs, and, not least, hymns, anthems and the rest. Send some kind of a circus (antiques and horrors) or anything for a change, off through these streets.

There is a "golden mean" to be preserved even in times of what is quite like to Asiatic cholera. While we are left—spared—let us work; but that we MAY work, keep our strength and keep our courage, our hearts, our cheerfulness, our seasons for eating, sleeping, resting, praising and praying. Use now your much-vaunted common sense—there never was a better time given you. Seek the golden mean in all you do. Don't dip in head foremost, like that mock teacher, and lose your temper, patience, gentleness, cheerfulness, kindness, all in one single session. Make an earnest, quite sure survey of your situation, and then go at it and keep at it, asking help and strength and relief from that source which alone can help you.

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